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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DUDLEY SPENCER :

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METHOD

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.102 applicant requests that the above identified application be advanced out of turn for examination on the basis of the age of applicant Spencer. Attached hereto is a declaration from applicant Spencer pointing out that he is OVER 81 years old. Accordingly, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.102(c) this Petition to Make Special should be granted.

It is understood that a fee is not required where the petition is based upon 37 CFR 1.102(c). If any fee is required such fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A copy of this petition is being faxed herewith. The original of the petition is being sent by confirmatory mail.

Respectfully Submitted,
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